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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 32-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 47-50 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 32-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claims 32-46, drawn to glasses for stereoscopic image.

Group II, claims 47-50, drawn to a system for controlling glasses for stereoscopic image.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the product as claimed in Group I can be used in a materially different process of using that product other than the process as claimed in Group II.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Newly submitted claims 47-50 are directed to an invention (corresponding to nonelected claims 26-31) that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed (similar to at least independent claim 32) for the following reasons: the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule

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13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the product as claimed in Group I can be used in a materially different process of using that product other than the process as claimed in Group II.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 47-50 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 32-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Prior Art (APA hereinafter, see at least Figures 1-6) in view of Divelbiss et al (US 6943852).

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APA discloses glasses lens for stereoscopic image comprising (see at least Figures 1-6): an upper transparent film layer formed on an upper transparent electrode; a lower transparent film layer formed on a lower transparent electrode; a liquid crystal layer formed between the upper and lower transparent electrodes; an upper polarizer film layer formed on the upper transparent film layer; the lower polarizer film layer formed on the lower transparent film layer.

APA discloses glasses for stereoscopic image comprising (see at least Figures 1-6): a pair of glasses lenses which are covered with two sheets of films formed on transparent electrodes; a frame which holds a pair of said glasses lenses; a temple which is connected to the frame; and a nose rack which is connected to the frame.

The limitation not disclosed by APA is the transparent film being flexible.

Divelbiss discloses a glasses lens comprising flexible films for achieving advantages such as allowing simple curvature for a broader range of designs, lighter weight due to the elimination of the glass substrates (see at least col. 1, lines 22-24). Therefore, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the transparent films (e.g., polarizing films) being flexible for achieving advantages such as allowing simple curvature for a broader range of designs, lighter weight due to the elimination of the glass substrates.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 02/12/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Newly submitted claims 47-50 are directed to an invention (corresponding to nonelected claims 26-31) that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed (similar to at least independent claim 32) for the following reasons: the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the product as claimed in Group I can be used in a materially different process of using that product other than the process as claimed in Group II.

The limitation not disclosed by APA is the transparent film being flexible. Divelbiss discloses a glasses lens comprising flexible films for achieving advantages such as allowing simple curvature for a broader range of designs, lighter weight due to the elimination of the glass substrates (see at least col. 1, lines 22-24). Therefore, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the transparent films (e.g., polarizing films) being flexible for achieving advantages such as allowing simple curvature for a broader range of designs, lighter weight due to the elimination of the glass substrates. Applicant has not presented any evidence that the combination of APA and Divelbiss would destroy central characteristics of the APA.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303

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May 14, 2007


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